

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 is canceled by the present amendment, and Claims 1-14 are maintained pending without further amendment. Claim has been canceled without prejudice to pursue the subject matter of Claim 15 in one of Applicants' related co-pending divisional applications.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-14 is in order and is respectfully requested.

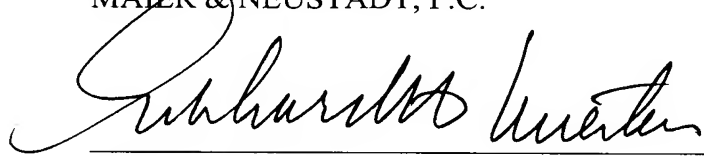
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